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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 1975 DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA

REFS: A. USNATO 6384 DTG 211910Z NOV 75; B. USNATO 6375

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HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. MISSION MAY APPROVE AGENDA WITH BRACKETS REMOVED FROM ITEM V. WE SEE IT AS DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE FOR DISCUSSION OF STANDARDIZATION IN BOTH DPC AND NAC.

2. ON CONTENT OF DPC REPORT ON STANDARDIZATION, WE ASSUME
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REPORT WILL GIVE STATUS OF MAJOR CNAD STANDARDIZATION

EFFORTS AND OF MC STUDIES ON INTEROPERABILITY. REPORT SHOULD ALSO DESCRIBE NAC PERMREP ACTIVITY FOR INFORMATION OF DPC MINISTERS. SEPARATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE IN PREPARATION WITH REGARD TO PRELIMINARY US VIEWS ON EUROGROUP PROPOSAL.

3. ON ITEM IV, NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM, WE THINK MINISTERIAL ACTION PAPER SHOULD REFER TO CNAD AND MC REPORTS AND RECOMMEND THAT MINISTERS:

A. AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT NATO SHOULD ACQUIRE AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL CAPABILITY, AND CONSIDER A FINAL PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION AND OPERATION AT THEIR SPRING 1976 MEETING;

B. ENDORSE CONTINUING CONTRACT DEFINITION PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURES BY INTERESTED NATIONS;

C. ENDORSE EXPENDITURES, WHICH MAY BE PREFINANCED BY INTERESTED NATIONS, TO PRESERVE UNTIL NEXT MAY THE OPTION OF SYSTEMS ACQUISITION WITHOUT MAJOR COST ESCALATION OR SCHEDULE DELAYS;

D. GIVE GUIDANCE REGARDING LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION DESIRED;

E. APPROVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ANY EXPENDITURES BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 1976 WHICH HAVE BEEN PREFINANCED.

4. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR COMMUNIQUE TO CONTAIN A TWO OR THREE SENTENCE REFERENCE TO SACEUR'S FLEXIBILITY STUDY. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ITEM II D IS HANDLED SEPARATELY BY SEC GEN AT THE MINISTERIAL.

5. PLANS FOR SUBJECTS FOR RESTRICTED SESSION ARE NOT YET FIRM HERE.

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